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POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)the number of post-offices and telegraph offices running in owned and rented buildings, State-wise, l ocation-wise and category-wise;

(b)the number of post-offices, sub-post-offices and telegraph offices likely to be opened during 2007-08, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide postal services to every village in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of residential colonies for post and telegraph employees; State-wise and location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)The information is under collection from the field units and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b)In the Annual Plan 2007-08, there is a target for opening of 250 Branch Post Offices and 500 Sub Post Offices throughout the country. Postal Circle-wise targets fixed under the Annual Plan 2007-08 are given in the Annexure-I.Locations of the post offices to be opened have not been identified so far.

The information regarding number of telegraph offices is under collection from the Department of Telecommunications and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c)&(d)The Department of Posts provides facilities of daily delivery of mail at the doorstep of customers in each village, collects letters from letter boxes and sells stamps and stationery at the doorstep of customers in every village.

(e)The number of residential colonies for postal employees, State-wise and location- wise is given in Annexure-II.

The information about number of residential colonies for telegraph employees is under collection from the Department of Telecommunications and will be laid on the Table of the House.